

Table 14. Total Housing Starts for Selected Countries

Country	1997	1998 (e)	1999 (f)
(1,000s of Units)			
Australia	125	147	159
Belgium-Luxemburg	35	33	NA
Canada	147	141	138
China 1/	18,530	18,980	21,070
Germany	571	540	541
Italy	186	173	174
Japan	1,387	1,198	1,300
Korea	506	280	300
Netherlands	102	93	91
Poland	61	64	67
Spain	323	380	320
Taiwan 2/	39	34	32
Thailand	40	25	20

1) These residential starts include individual apartment and condominium unit starts, many of which measure less than 700 square feet.

2) These starts include individual apartment and condominium unit starts, many of which measure less than 1,500 square feet.

Table 15. Wood Frame Housing Starts for Selected Countries

Country	1997	1998 (e)	1999 (f)
(Number of Units)			
Germany	40,000	40,000	40,000
Japan	611,316	545,000	605,000
Netherlands	7,000	8,000	9,000
Poland	2,000	1,500	2,000
Spain	400	450	500
Taiwan	71	75	78

Table 16. Value of Repair & Remodeling Market for Selected Countries

Country	1997	1998 (e)	1999 (f)
(Millions of US Dollars)			
China	44,000	46,200	50,200
Germany	130,000	130,000	132,000
Netherlands	6,475	6,600	6,800
Poland	3,556	3,500	3,500
Spain	19,900	20,800	22,000